

Capt. Gordon acquaints Mr. Speaker, that he had administer'd the several Oaths to the Government to Mr. Denton, Mr. Wilkins, and Mr. Darsey; that they had signed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test, and had taken the usual Oath of Office.

Ordered, that Mr. Worthington acquaint the Rev. Mr. Gordon, that he is desired by this House to read Divine Service, at the Hours of eight in the Morning, and five in the Evening, during this Session;

*The House adjourns until the Morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.*

*Thursday Morning, March 13, 1745.*  
**T**HE House met according to Adjournment, and the Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

The House approved the following Rules, and ordered that they be observed this Session.

I. That no Member of this House shall use any reviling Speeches, or name any Member by his proper Name, otherwise than for Distinction's Sake; but shall rather use some other Signification, as, *The Gentleman that spoke last*, or the like.

II. That no Member speak above once at the reading of any Bill or Debate, without License of the Speaker and the House; and if two Persons, or more, shall rise up together, the Speaker shall appoint who shall speak first, and no Member shall interrupt any other until the Gentleman speaking hath ended.

III. That none shall deliver his Opinion, or speak to any Bill or Debate, unless he shall stand up, and reverently direct his Speech to the Speaker.

IV. That every Bill proposed to the House shall be read Two several Days before it is sent to the Upper House; and once after, before it be Ingrossed; and that between every Reading one Day shall be intermitted, and that in that Time the Bill be laid on the Table for the Perusal of all the Members; unless on very urgent Occasions, Mr. Speaker with the Consent of the House, shall dispense therewith; and then One Bill being read Twice at one Sitting, shall be as sufficient as if Read several Days, which be entered in the Clerk's Journal.

V. That no Person shall come into the House of Assembly, whilst the same is sitting, with Sword or other Weapon, upon Penalty of such Fine as shall be imposed on them by the Speaker, not exceeding Five Shillings, for any Offence.

VI. That if any Member bound to attend this Assembly, shall be absent at the Hours and Place appointed, after the Number of Twelve of the Members with the Speaker are met, according to the Order for Sitting, shall be fined according to the Discretion of the Speaker, not exceeding Five Shillings for any Offence; unless upon such lawful Excuse as the Speaker shall admit of.

VII. All Misdemeanors which shall happen in the House, shall be censured and fined in the House.

VIII. That no Bill shall be read at any Time during this Session, till all the Members in Town be called in; except on some Excuse to be admitted by the Speaker.

The following Resolves ordered to be entered on the Journal, as the Resolves of this House.

*Resolved by the House,* That the Members who are appointed as Members of the Committee of Aggrievances, have likewise the Character of Committee for Courts of Justice, and that that Character, and the Duty of such Committee, be annex'd to the said Committee of Aggrievances, as a standing Part of their Duty.

And that it be an Instruction to the said Committee, as a Committee of Courts of Justice, that they observe the Nature of all the Commissions to the several Courts of Judicature within this Province, and that they especially observe any Alterations that may at any Time happen, by accidental Omission, or otherwise, therein: and particularly relating to such Words therein, as require the several Judges and Justices to Hear, Try and Determine, according to the Laws, Statutes, Ordinances, and reasonable Customs of England, and of this Province, or to such other Words as have Relation thereto, and that they shall immediately make Report to the House, of any Alteration that shall at any Time happen in such Commission, and likewise to have regard as near as may be, to observe wherein they differ from the Forms of the several Sorts of Commissions to the Judges and Justices in England.

*Likewise Resolved,* That it be an Instruction to the said Committee, to inspect the Form of the Oaths of Office, that have been, and now are usually taken by the several Magistrates; and that in case the following Clause be not inserted in the said Oaths, it be reported to the House, such Clause being agreeable to the Oath taken by the Judges in England, and resolved to be necessary here; *viz.*

"To do equal Law and Right to all the King's Subjects, rich and poor, and not to delay any Person of common Right, for the Letters of the King, the Lord Proprietary, or of any other, or for any other Cause; but if any such Letters come to them, they shall proceed to do the Law, the same Letters notwithstanding."

And that a Copy of these Resolves be made and given to the said Committee, when they first go out every Sessions, and that making and giving such Copies be the undoubted Duty of the Clerk of this House, and within the Purview of his Oath.

*Resolved,*